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SUBJECT: SC DEBATE ON LEBANESE COMPLAINT

1. PAST PERFORMANCE AND DIFFERENCES AMONG THE ARAB STATES  
MAKE US VERY SKEPTICAL THAT LEBANON'S DECISION TO CONVENE  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL CAN LEAD TO CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME.  
NONETHELESS, WE ARE ADOPTING A POSITIVE POSTURE OF WEIGHING  
VIEWS OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND RESPONDING TO  
ANY REASONABLE PROPOSALS. WE BELIEVE IT IS UP TO THOSE WHO  
ASKED FOR MEETING TO PRODUCE SOMETHING WE CAN BUY, RATHER  
THAN FOR US TO TRY AND SELL THEM SOMETHING. WE ARE THERE-  
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FORE NOT AT THIS TIME PUTTING FORWARD OUR OWN VIEWS IN  
DETAIL NOR CIRCULATING A DRAFT RESOLUTION OF OUR OWN.  
LEBANESE HAVE CALLED FOR SC MEETING WITH CLEAR AWARENESS OF  
U. S. ATTITUDE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF U. S. VETO IN SEPTEMBER  
1972. NOW GOL MUST DEMONSTRATE EXTENT TO WHICH IT WILLING  
TO GO.

2. OUTCOME OF SC MEETING WILL DEPEND ON LEBANESE WILLING-  
NESS TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION CONTAINING HAD THEIR BUREAUCRACIES AND  
CONSTITUENCIES UNDER CONTROL  
AND THAT THEY WOULD PROCEED SMARTLY TO LIMIT AND PERHAPS  
EVEN REDUCE OFFENSIVE ARMS IN SALT TWO BUT THIS IS NOT  
HAPPENING AND PERSONNEL SHAKEUPS PROVIDE EXTRA ELEMENT OF  
UNCERTAINTY. ROSENFELD SAYS ITS POSSIBLE THAT THE TIME  
REQUIRED FOR A FRESH LOOK-- MAYBE A COUPLE MORE YEARS-- WILL  
PERMIT THE ADVANCE OF WEAPONS PROJECTS WHICH WILL COMPRO-  
MISE THE CHANCE OF ACHIEVING MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROLS.  
ROSENFELD SEES GERARD SMITH DIFFERING WITH PRESIDENT ON  
BARGAINING- CHIP TACTICS AND NIXON INCREASINGLY CONFIDENT  
HE KNOWS BETTER THAN HIS CRITICS HOW TO DEAL WITH RUSSIANS  
AND IS APPARENTLY DETERMINED TO DEFY FACT THAT ALTHOUGH HE  
SEEKS PEACE FOR A GENERATION HE WILL HAVE CUSTODY OF  
AMERICAN SECURITY ONLY FOUR YEARS MORE AND THAT POLITICS  
AND TECHNOLOGY-- ENGINES OF THE ARMS RACE-- WILL NOT FREEZE  
IN PLACE IN 1976.

2 B. TUESDAY WASHPOST HAD JOSEPH KRAFT COLUMN ON KISSINGER  
AND HIS RIVALS WHICH SAID RICHARDSON HAS MODULATED THE  
RHETORIC ABOUT THE BIG BAD RUSSIANS FROM LAIRD' S DAY BUT  
HE IS SUPPORTING EVERY SINGLE WEAPON SYSTEM ENDORSED BY  
HIS PREDECESSOR, AND SOME OF THEM CAST A SHADOW OVER  
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KISSINGER' S HOPES TO NEGOTIATE A SECOND ARMS CONTROL AGREE-  
MENT WITH THE RUSSIANS. KRAFT SAYS CIA USED TO BE HEADED  
BY KISSINGER' S FRIEND HELMS BUT SCHLESINGER IS NO SPECIAL  
FRIEND TO KISSINGER. KRAFT ADDS SIMILAR CHANGES AFFECT  
DISARMAMENT AGENCY, WITH IKLE BEING HIGHLY ACCEPTABLE TO  
SENATOR JACKSON AND HAVING NONE OF THE BIAS TOWARD ACHIEV-  
ING PRACTICALLY ANY ARMS AGREEMENT WHICH USED TO MAKE THE  
AGENCY AN ALLY FOR KISSINGER IN HIS QUEST FOR DETENTE.

3. MBFR. SOME EDITIONS SUNDAY WASHPOST HAD PARA REPORTING  
THAT IN VIENNA NATO AND WARSAW NEGOTIATORS MET FOR FOURTH

TIME THIS WEEK IN A STEPPED- UP EFFORT TO BREAK THE STALE-  
MATE IN EAST- WEST TROOP REDUCTION TALKS.

3 A. WASHINGTON WHISPERS PAGE IN US NEWS & WORLD REPORT  
HAS PARA REPORTING NEW WORRY FOR ARMY OFFICIALS IS NEWS OF  
GROWING ANTI- AMERICANISM IN WEST GERMANY-- SUCH AS STORIES  
THAT SOME GERMAN RESTAURANTS ARE REFUSING SERVICE TO US  
SOLDIERS-- WHICH MAY PROVIDE NEW AMMUNITION FOR MANSFIELD'S  
BATTLE TO FORCE CUTBACKS.

3 B. LAST WEEK HEARST PAPERS HAD EDITORIAL ON STACKING  
THE DECK, SAYING BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT A BALANCED AND  
MUTUAL REDUCTION OF NATO AND WARSAW FORCES IS A DANDY  
IDEA, RUSSIA ESPECIALLY STRESSING HOW MUCH SUCH A MOVE

WOULD RELAX EAST- WEST TENSIONS AND SAVE A LOT OF MONEY  
ALL AROUND, BUT THE OFTEN- DEMONSTRATED PATTERN OF COM-  
MUNIST DIPLOMACY-- A RIGGED PROCESS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE  
OF HEADS WE WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE-- BEGAN TO EMERGE SOON  
AFTER JANUARY 31 IN VIENNA, WITH FIRST SNAG OVER WHAT  
BALANCED MEANS. THIS WAS BAD ENOUGH, SAID EDITORIAL, BUT  
THEN MOSCOW CAME UP WITH DEMAND THAT IF HUNGARY PARTICI-  
PATES SO SHOULD ITALY. A REALLY REVEALING ASPECT OF THE  
MANEUVERING, WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED LARGELY BY OFF- THE-  
RECORD DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, SAID EDITORIAL, IS THAT NONE  
OF THE ABOVE IS EVEN ON THE OFFICIAL RECORD YET. EDITO-  
RIAL CONCLUDES: IMAGINE WHAT THE FORMAL TALKS WILL BE  
LIKE-- IF THEY EVER GET STARTED.

4. ATLANTIC. US NEWS HAS 3- PAGE ARTICLE ON ATLANTIC  
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ALLIANCE IN TROUBLE, STRESSING THAT TRADE, MONEY POLICIES,  
AND SHARING OF DEFENSE COSTS ARE ALL IN DISPUTE AND A  
KEY QUESTION KEEPS CROPPING UP: WHAT IS THERE TO DEFEND  
AGAINST? REPORTER JOSEPH FROMM SAYS THAT DESPITE WESTERN  
EUROPE'S ECONOMIC RESURGENCE IT IS TOO DIVIDED POLITICALLY  
TO BUILD ITS OWN DEFENSE FORCE. ACCORDING FROMM, ALLIED  
STATESMEN IN EVERY CAPITAL DENY THAT WESTERN EUROPE IS  
SERIOUSLY PREPARED TO JETTISON THE ALLIANCE BUT THEY  
AGREE US- EUROPE PARTNERSHIP IS MOVING INTO A DIFFICULT  
PERIOD AND BOTH SIDES FEEL THERE IS REAL DANGER THAT 1973  
COULD MARK THE START OF A DISASTROUS UNRAVELING OF THE  
ALLIANCE.

4 A. SAN DIEGO UNION EDITORIAL END OF MARCH ON DEFENSE  
BUDGET CONTENTED STRENGTH OF NATO AND OTHER MUTUAL SECU-

RITY ORGANIZATIONS IS BASIS FOR THE CONDITION WHICH HAS  
PERMITTED US TO ENTER AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION.

4 B. CINCINNATI ENQUIRER APRIL 4 HAD EDITORIAL SYMPATHETIC  
TO REP. FINDLEY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ATLANTIC UNION CONFER-  
ENCE TO EXPLORE THE PROBLEMS THAT BESET THE DEMOCRACIES  
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC.

5. SOVIET DEFENSE. WASHPOST FRONTPAGES ALONGSIDE MULTI-  
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